

News and Notes.

THE NEXT Congress of Alienists and Neurologists of France and French-speaking countries will be held at Grenoble, August 1-8, 1902. Dr. E. Régis, professor of psychiatry at the University of Bordeaux, will preside. The following papers will be read: (1) Nervous Pathology, Tics in General, M. Noguès, of Toulouse. (2) Mental Pathology: Conditions of Anxiety in Mental Disease, M. La Lanne, of Bordeaux. (3) Legal Medicine; Auto-accusation from the Medico-legal Standpoint, M. Ernest Dupré, of Paris.

A SIMPLE and effective method of illumination of the grounds of the asylum at Bailleul, through the insertion at frequent intervals in the top of the surrounding wrought-iron fence, of a small quantity of radium, has been adopted. It is believed that the grounds will thus be so well lighted that escape of patients during the night will be impossible.

Giornale di Psichiatria Clinica e tecnica Manicomiale is the new title of an old journal devoted to alien studies in Italy. Previously, this journal has been known as the "Bolletino del Manicomio provinciale di Ferrara." The former editor, Dr. Ruggero Tambroni, remains as Director. Analyses of its contents will appear in the JOURNAL OF NERVOUS AND MENTAL DISEASE.

THE Biological Laboratories of the H. K. Mulford Company at Glenolden, Pa., make another step forward in the progress of work in serum-organotherapy, and in the investigation of infectious and contagious diseases, by securing the services of Joseph J. Kinyoun, M.D., Ph.D., late Surgeon of the Marine Hospital Service, and Director of the Hygienic Laboratory of the Marine Hospital Service at Washington.

Dr. Kinyoun is widely and favorably known at home and abroad as a sanitarian and scientific investigator, and has served the government on numerous occasions as special delegate to International Medical Congresses. He is devoted to original research in Bacteriology, and in the interests of the government he has visited the various bacteriological laboratories in this country and in all Europe and Japan. Dr. Kinyoun received special instruction from Professors Koch, Behring, Pasteur and Roux, of Paris and Berlin, as representative of the government, thus acquainting himself with the progress made in serum-organotherapy and in the investigation of infectious diseases. He is peculiarly fitted for the directorship he now assumes, and under his administration there will be still further advances made in the field of biology as applied to medicine.

STUDENTS about to graduate, who are unable to secure positions in general hospitals, or young physicians whose terms are about to expire in general hospitals and who wish to enlarge their experience, are now offered an opportunity to enter the New York State Hospitals as Internes or Clinical Assistants.

These positions provide lodging and board. Appointments are made for a year. Some twenty-eight positions will be opened in the

fourteen State Hospitals situated in the following places in New York State: Utica, Buffalo, Gowanda (homeopathic), Binghamton, Kings Park, L. I., Flatbush, Brooklyn, Central Islip, L. I., Ward's Island, New York City (two hospitals), Rochester, Ogdensburg, Poughkeepsie, Willard, Middletown (homeopathic).

Although these are hospitals for the insane, yet they are so large that opportunities for experience in general medicine are abundant. Each hospital is well equipped with clinico-pathological laboratory and apparatus, operating rooms, trained nurses, hydrotherapeutic and electrical devices and good medical libraries. The field for study in general medicine is excellent, and surgical operations of all kinds are frequently performed, either by resident or consulting surgeons. It is thought that many students who wish hospital experience and are unable to obtain it because of the relatively few places available in general hospitals, may be glad to learn that positions of this kind have been thrown open to them. It is believed that young physicians wishing hospital experience will profit by a year's residence in one of these hospitals, and such as desire to continue in special work would be eligible for appointments subsequently to salaried positions in the same service. No examinations will be necessary, but application must be made in person with good references, directly to the medical superintendent of any of the above-named hospitals, or to Dr. Frederick Peterson, President of the Commission in Lunacy, 4 West 50th St., New York City.

Beiträge zur Psychiatrischen Klinik is the title of a new periodical edited by D. R. Sommers. A full analysis of the first number appears in this issue of the JOURNAL.

SYLLABUS OF BACTERIOLOGY is the title of an interesting pamphlet issued free to physicians by the Palisade Manufacturing Company, of Yonkers. This is an interesting and helpful volume, and the publishers are to be congratulated on putting forth such valuable and at the same time, ethical advertising matter.

THE Eighth Annual Report of the Craig Colony for Epileptics has just been issued. Unlike many reports coming from similar institutions, it really tells something about the work and the progress of the fundamental ideas of the plan. We commend it as good reading and interesting, not dry and statistical.

DR. OPPENHEIM'S "Lehrbuch der Nervenkrankheiten," which has recently appeared in its third edition, is now translated into English, Italian, Russian and Spanish.

THE STATE BOARD OF CONTROL of the Iowa Hospital for the Insane, has made public the announcement of the resignation of Dr. Gershom H. Hill as superintendent of the hospital for the insane at Independence, Iowa. Dr. Hill's term expires in June, and he states in a formal resignation filed with the board of control that he will not be a candidate for reappointment at that time. This amounts to a resignation, since there is no question but that Dr. Hill, had he so desired, would have been continued in the capacity of superintendent at Independence, where he has been located for over twenty-one years.

Dr. Hill announces to the state board of control that it is his intention to go to the city of Des Moines when he leaves the hospital at Independence, and enter private practice as a specialist in insanity. He is a man of some sixty years of age, and the most of his life

has been devoted to the study of medicine, especially as applied to the diseases of the brain.

Dr. Hill was appointed first assistant at Independence in 1874, when he began his career as an institution man in Iowa. In 1881, seven years later, he became acting superintendent in the same institution, and has served in that capacity ever since, the board of control voting unanimously to retain him when they assumed control of the state institutions four years ago. Dr. Hill has grown gray in the service of the hospital at Independence, and he finds that the duties are becoming heavier for him than in former years. It is, therefore, for the sole reason of being relieved from the care and responsibility of his present office, and of having his time more at his own disposal that he resigns.

The board of control expresses great regret in the loss of Dr. Hill from the institution at Independence. For some time, however, they have known that this would be the case sooner or later, but not until now was the formal announcement made possible. There are already several candidates in the field, and a large number of others will probably be announced as soon as Dr. Hill's resignation is generally known. Judge Kinne, chairman of the board, stated this morning that the appointment of Dr. Hill's successor would not be made for some weeks to come in all probability, as the board wanted plenty of time to look about and decide upon an all-round competent man.

Dr. John C. Doolittle is a candidate for the place. Dr. Doolittle is first assistant at Independence at present, and would be in line for the position from the standpoint of promotion. Although Dr. Hill names no one in his resignation, he refers to the fact that those professional men under him at the hospital are well qualified and worthy of promotion. Dr. A. L. Warner, of Chicago, is also a candidate for the position. Dr. Warner is in Des Moines this week, scheduled to read a paper before the conference of the board of control and institution superintendents on "Institutions for the Insane in Other Lands." He has been engaged in institution work in Illinois in past years. Dr. William F. Wegge, of Milwaukee, is also a candidate for the place.

JUDGE LEVENTRITT last month discharged a damage suit brought against Drs. Austin Flint and A. Fitch for illegal detention of a patient at the Long Island Home at Amityville. The case was not even presented to the jury, and the plaintiff was compelled to pay costs and extra allowances for the defendants. It was a striking victory for the cause of the alienist and sanatorium physician.